

ARE YOU READY??



KNOW THE TEST

****Don't waste time on the day of the test worrying about the directions – learn them before!****

- The SAT is divided into seven different timed sections testing critical reading, math, and writing skills.
- There is one essay topic.
- A perfect score on the SAT is a 2400.
- Scoring – You get a point for a correct answer, lose $\frac{1}{4}$ a point for a wrong answer, and receive no deduction for omitted answers.
- There is no penalty for a wrong answer in the student produced math section so it is okay to guess.
- In the math section – Algebra I, Geometry, and some basics from Algebra II are tested.

THE BIG DAY

- Be prepared – Bring lots of #2 pencils with you, check your calculator batteries, and wear a watch for timing the sections.
- Be properly fortified – Eat a good breakfast, bring a snack, and something to drink with you.
- Know the instructions for each section before you begin.
- Work carefully – Use the book as scratch paper and fill in the answers carefully.
- Complete easy questions first and then go back and spend more time on challenging questions.
- Relax – If you have prepared properly, you will do fine the day of the test!!

STUDY TIPS

- Schedule a regular study time, location, and rotate material to be covered.
- Use practice SAT questions to study from (there are plenty of free tools online).
- Use all resources available to you – teachers, guidance counselors, parents, friends who are taking the test, friends who already took the test).
- Don't procrastinate – Start studying well in advance of your testing date.

HELPFUL FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

- <http://sat-prep.wikispaces.com>
- www.gcsnc.com/collegetests
- www.satprephelp.com
- www.princetonreview.com
- www.majortests.com
- www.testprepreview.com
- www.satexamprep.com
- www.freesat1prep.com
- www.ineedapencil.com
- www.number2.com